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to the prop. agandists of slavery, we are, if we are actually, though sorrowfully, to their aid do the best we are able.

But we warn them against the Content and the schemes it involves, as mischievous, disorganizing, revolutionizing, and tending to rupture and diannion. We warn especially, the native Californians of the South, who better instincts and feelings as well as

true interests, are opposed to slavery, against the project. If the bureau they complain of can be removed legally and peacefully, we favor such removal. But let us beware of seeking relief by the methods proposed by these seeming friends; lest when they ask a fish they accept a serpent; instead of an egg, receive a scorpion.

[From the Literary World]

THE OLD WASHERWOMAN

FROM THE GERMAN OF GRAMMID.

BREKED her busy with the linen,
You ancient dame with silver hair,
The blithest of the washerwomen,
Though six and seventy years are there!
So be she has followed year by year,
The honest toil at which you find her,

Falling with diligence the sphere
Of useful labor God assigned her.
In her young days (for she is human),
She loved and hoped and waded, too ;
Well she has shown the lot of woman,
— Seen cares and sorrows not a few—
Her dear sick man she sought to save ;
(Three children faithfully she bore him),
Nor did she bary in the grave

Her faith and hope, when earth closed o'er her
The precious charge now laid upon her,
With cheerful energy she bore,
She trained them up in fear and honour,
Virtue and prudence all in store.
At length, to seek their livelihood,
They took her blessing and departed;
A lone old woman now she stood,
Yet cheerful, hopeful, and stout-hearted.

She spared, and scraped and saved each penny
And spun by night the flax she brought,
And of fine flax-thread yards full many
At last she to the weaver brought;
He wove her linen white as snow;
Her needle and her shuttle plying,
A spotless burial dress she so
Prepared against her day of dying.
Her dress—her burial dress—with pleasure

And sacred pride also lays away,
It is her first and last—her treasure—
The fruit of many a toilsome day.
She puts it on, God's word to hear,
When Sabbath bells sound holy warning,
Then lays it up again, to wear
The night before the eternal morning.
And wouldst thou, when night shall find me,
Might read in life's last sinking sun,
That I had done my duty—

That has wrought the work assigned me,
As the good dame her task has done;
That I had learned life's joy to drink
In such a full and even measure,
And could upon my grave clothes think,
At last, with such a heart-felt pleasure.

FRENCH CONSTITUTION.

A correspondent of the Journal of Commerce

has condensed the already concise French Constitution, as follows:

- ART. 1. I am the State with entire liberty; do as I please.
2. The people are nobody.
3. The senate, the legislative body, the ministers, and council of State, are tools and pawns in the hands of the chief magistrate of nation. He can use them, or play with them as he thinks proper.

4. The people shall be entitled to universal suffrage, that is, all of them shall vote to elect the President.
5. Laws shall be enacted privately, and without the President's assent, and how the President thinks advisable. Speech making shall be allowed. Oratory creates confusion and is unnecessary.
6. The press is muzzled.
7. The right of petition is abolished. The duty of submission is in full force.
8. What is not openly expressed in the press is not to be considered.

ten ends, is secretly understood. "Constitutions," says my uncle, "cannot have too much margin."

9. I and my uncle are one. My uncle is uncle, and I am his nephew.

Done at the Palace of the Tuilleries, 14th January, 1852.

EXTRACT FROM KOSSUTH.

I left my prison in Kutahia on the 1st September 1850. In July I got notice from diplomatic agents from Constantinople, Paris, and from London, all of them expressing this view; that in the month of September I would be free, because the Caliph

St. Petersburg took it for granted that I would accept it as the condition of my liberation, to go to the United States, with the obligation taken upon me to remain there, and not to settle in Europe, and not to take part more in European matters. It was on that Russia was going to consent to my liberation: because it was to Russia quite the same to know me in a Turkish prison, or know me settled in a French prison.

But when Russia and the absolutist powers, by-and-by, became aware that this condition I would not accept, as it would require me to resign all the future of my country, then they insisted upon the condition that, at least, I should be carried from prison, *being wanted to be a member of the*

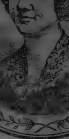
rectly to the United States, with the expectation that the generous sympathy of the people of the United States would feast from city to city—that public meetings would be offered to me, and honors bestowed upon me, until they could strike a blow of usual station over Europe, so that I would fail in accomplishing anything. That was the advice I received. But to this I replied, that

could not be, because, firstly, the people of the United States are too well attached to principles to desire from me whatever step which would be contrary to this my duty to promote the freedom of my country and Europe. And secondly, because I will tell them frankly—which, as Republicans, they will like to have me do

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